

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 763

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor Meco Corporation of Greeneville on the occasion of its fifty-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those Tennessee businesses that have attained great success by manufacturing quality products through superior craftsmanship; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding business is Meco Corporation of Greeneville, which is celebrating its fifty-fifth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, Robert Austin, Sr. and a group of local investors founded Metals Engineering Company (Meco) in Greeneville; and

WHEREAS, in the beginning, Meco manufactured everything from fishing reel components for Shakespeare to television chassis for Magnavox, and in fact, the Meco Contract Manufacturing Division is still going strong some fifty-five years later; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Meco began manufacturing its first barbeque grills and, in 1971, its first folding chairs and tables rolled off the assembly line in the Greeneville facility; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Meco continues to deliver real innovation and quality products and parts to customers around the globe; and

WHEREAS, family-owned and American-owned since 1959, Meco delivers customer satisfaction through three primary business groups: the Contract Manufacturing Division ships hundreds of thousands of manufactured parts to customers nationwide; the Outdoor Living Group has sold more than twenty million barbeque grills and smokers; and the Indoor Living Group has delivered more than 140 million folding chairs and tables; and

WHEREAS, Meco's outstanding reputation as a manufacturer is supported by the company's receipt of the Vendor Award of Excellence from Target and the Outstanding Product Quality Award from Samsonite; and

WHEREAS, Meco has committed its human and financial resources to being a good corporate citizen in the Greeneville community and supports several civic and charitable organizations, including Wounded Warriors, Second Harvest Food Bank, Boy Scouts, YMCA, American Cancer Society, Muscular Dystrophy Association, and St. Jude Children's Hospital, to name but a few; and

WHEREAS, on the occasion of the company's fifty-fifth anniversary, Meco should be recognized as a vital and growing component of Northeast Tennessee's economy; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the management and employees of Meco Corporation of Greeneville upon the happy occasion of the company's fifty-fifth anniversary as a successful manufacturing business and wish the fine folks of Meco all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.